

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory #M:14-47

### 1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic Butler's Orchard

other \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Location

street and number 22222 Davis Mill Road        not for publication

city, town Germantown        vicinity

county Montgomery

### 3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name George H Jr and Shirley B Butler

street and number 22200 Davis Mill Rd telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city, town Germantown state MD zip code 20876

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.        liber 2678 folio 307

city, town        tax map        tax parcel P880 tax ID number 00017897

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing <u>      </u> Noncontributing <u>      </u>
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<u>      </u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<u>      </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<u>      </u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<u>      </u> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u>      </u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	<u>      </u>

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Located on Davis Mill Road at Wildcat Road, Butler's Orchard is a farm market. This 36.56-acre property includes the farm market building and a log structure that is a dwelling house. The southern portion of the property is traversed by the Wildcat Branch of the Great Seneca Creek and is wooded. The northern portion of the property is open cropland.

### Dwelling House:

The dwelling house, facing east on Davis Mill Road, is a two-story, log house with a side addition and a rear kitchen wing. The dwelling's main block is the original log, two-bay, side-gable structure, being the north two bays of the current building. In 1960, the side wing was constructed in 1960 of logs salvaged from a tobacco barn on a neighboring property. The rear (west) kitchen ell was built about 1953. In 1968, a dormer was added to accommodate a third floor bedroom. The side wing and rear addition were constructed by Parker Poole of 22400 Davis Mill Road.<sup>1</sup>

The main block is built on fieldstone foundations and has a corrugated metal roof. Log walls are V-notched at the corners and are chinked and filled with cement. The south wing has V-notched log walls built as a veneer to the frame structure. The wing's roof has a fiberglass shingle roof. A simple stone step leads to the main east entrance. A shed roof supported by chamfered posts shelters the west entrance.

Windows on the log sections are six over six. The west elevation of the south wing has a multi-paned picture window. There are three shed dormers with six over six windows. On the north elevation is an exterior chimney with massive fieldstone base and brick stack. Two other exterior chimneys are on the west and south elevations.

On the interior of the dwelling house, the east door opens into a single large room. In the 1940s, a brick fireplace and hearth, and random width flooring were installed. The west interior log wall and floor joists have held traces of whitewash. Door frames and paneled doors are simple in design.<sup>2</sup>

### Spring House:

George Butler built the spring house with logs salvaged from a smoke house from a nearby farm.

### Farm Market:

The farm market building was constructed in 1964. The farm market was expanded in 1993.

<sup>1</sup>Interview of Parker Poole by Candy Reed, 1979.

<sup>2</sup>Details about the dwelling, including the description of interior features, are from Candy Reed, MHT Form, 1979.

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### Garage:

Built as a poultry house, the structure was used as a farm market before the present market was constructed in 1964.<sup>3</sup>

### Tenant House:

This small frame structure stands in the southwestern quadrant of the 36-acre parcel (P880). A tributary of the Wildcat Branch runs near the house. George Butler relocated the structure to this site, probably soon after purchasing the property.<sup>4</sup>

### Equipment building:

This non-historic structure is located near the tenant house and in the southwestern corner of the property.

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<sup>3</sup>History of Butler's Orchard, [www.butlers-orchard.com/market](http://www.butlers-orchard.com/market), Butler's Orchard copyright 2003.

<sup>4</sup>Susan Butler, 7-19-2004.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

Butler's Orchard is highly representative of the changing agricultural economy of the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century. The orchard was begun in 1943, when Percy Norris, an employee of the US Department of Agriculture, planted peach trees. George Butler established Butler's Orchard, a pick-your-own produce operation that was a pioneer in the Washington area market.

George Butler (1929-2000) was a University of Maryland horticulture major and Silver Spring native. He and his wife Shirley bought a 37-acre peach orchard in 1950. Butler added strawberries in 1956, which became the primary crop and Butler became a noted expert in strawberry growing. George Butler was past president of the Maryland Horticulture Society and the North American Strawberry Growers Association.<sup>3</sup>

The farm had been owned by the Magruders. In 1801, Edward Magruder, a local miller, conveyed this property to his son John. The dwelling was described in 1894 as a two-story, three-room log house. The farm market building (1964) and the additions on the dwelling date from the period of business establishment, from 1953-1968. These structures are highly representative of the success of the farm market business.

The Butlers continued to expand their operations. They planted thornless blackberries and black raspberries in the early 1970s. A roadside market opened with cider, jams and jellies and expanded to the present market facility. In 1983, the family set up a partnership between George, Shirley, and three of their four children, Todd, Wade, and Susan. Each of the children attended the University of Maryland where they majored in horticulture.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>3</sup>Susan Singer-Bart, "A 'Pick-Your-Own' Fruit Pioneer," *Gazette*, 7-5-2000. *Washington Post*, Obituaries, 6-29-2000.

<sup>4</sup>Another daughter, Carol, is an engineer and is not involved in the business. Popsy Kanagaratnam, Montgomery Business: Butler's Orchard Pioneered Pick-Your-Own Fruit, *The Montgomery Journal*, 6-8-1993.

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In more recent years, the farm began to offer special events including hayrides, a pumpkin festival, and Easter celebration. Butler's Orchard continues to be a popular destination. Suburban residents seek out the farm for strawberries in the spring, flowers in the summer, pumpkins in the fall, and Christmas trees in winter. City children take school trips to the farm. Butler's launched its website in 2003. The Butler's Orchard property now encompasses over 300 acres, including the original 37-acre parcel.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>5</sup>Kristen Milton, "Farmers look to stay afloat in the 21<sup>st</sup> century," *Gazette*, 5-21-2003.  
Website at [www.butlers-orchard.com](http://www.butlers-orchard.com)

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property \_\_\_\_\_  
Acreage of historical setting \_\_\_\_\_  
Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale: \_\_\_\_\_

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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name/title Clare Kelly Cavicchi

organization M-NCPPC

date June 2004

street & number 8787 Georgia Ave

telephone 301-563-3400

city or town Silver Spring

state MD

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100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
410-514-7600

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Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY  
Real Property Data Search (2007 vw6.3d)

Go Back  
View Map  
New Search

Account Identifier: District - 02 Account Number - 00017897

Owner Information

Owner Name: BUTLER, GEORGE H JR & S B Use: AGRICULTURAL  
Principal Residence: YES  
Mailing Address: 22200 DAVIS MILL RD Deed Reference: 1) / 2678/ 307  
GERMANTOWN MD 20876-4520 2)

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address  
22222 DAVIS MILL RD  
GERMANTOWN 20876

Legal Description  
ADD TO BROOKE GROVE

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Assessment Area	Plat No:
FV23		P880		1				1	Plat Ref:

Special Tax Areas  
Town  
Ad Valorem  
Tax Class 42

Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
1844	2,242 SF	36.56 AC	812

Stories	Basement	Type	Exterior
2	NO	STANDARD UNIT	FRAME

Value Information

	Base Value	Value As Of 01/01/2010	Phase-in Assessments As Of 07/01/2009	As Of 07/01/2010	PREFERENTIAL LAND VALUE INCLUDED IN LAND VALUE
Land	442,560	247,500			
Improvements:	212,820	256,800			
Total:	655,380	504,300	655,380	504,300	
Preferential Land:	7,560	7,500	7,560	7,500	

Transfer Information

Seller:	Date:	Price:
Type:	Deed1:	Deed2:
Seller:	Date:	Price:
Type:	Deed1:	Deed2:
Seller:	Date:	Price:
Type:	Deed1:	Deed2:

Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2009	07/01/2010
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

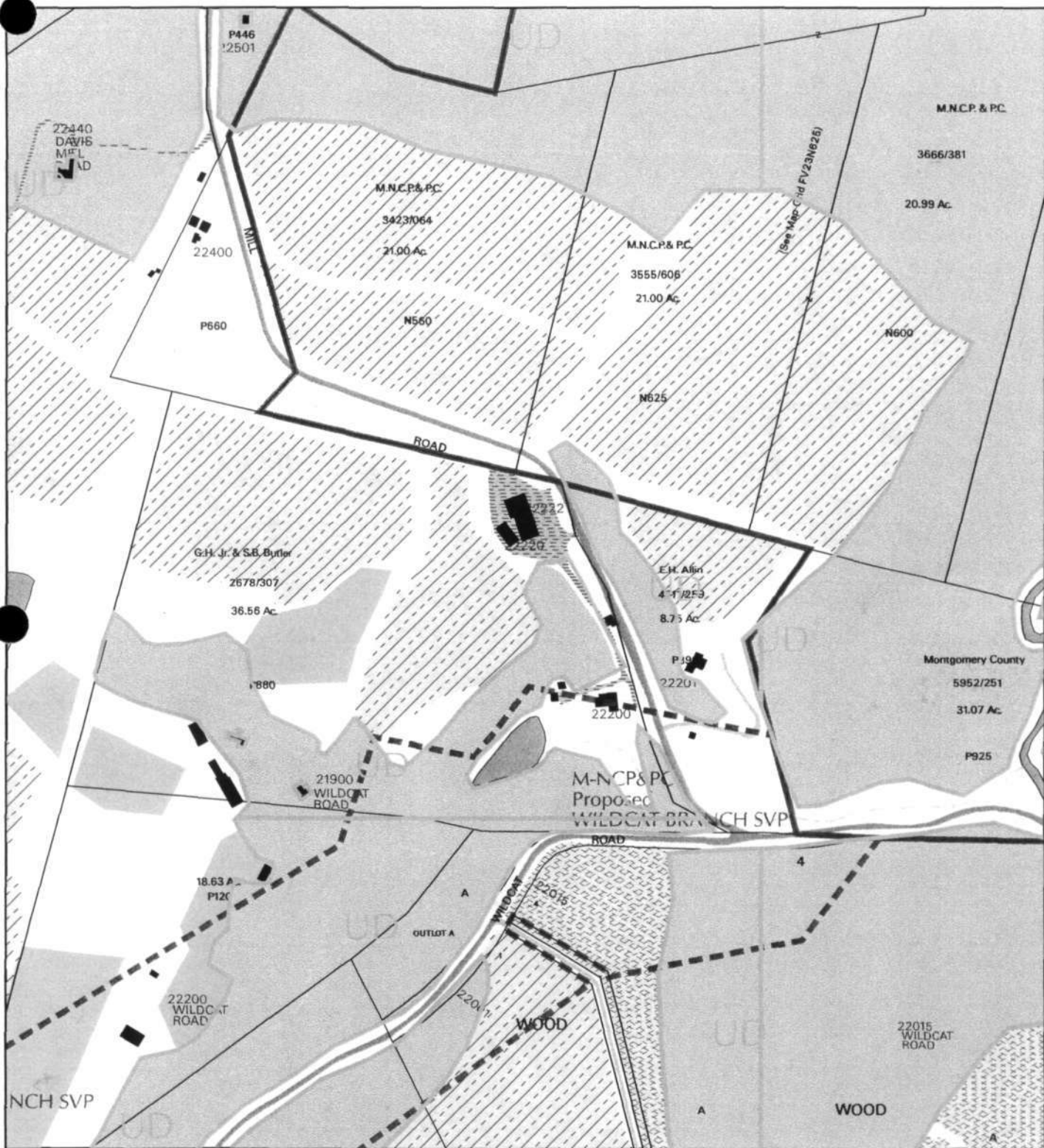
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Exempt Class:

Special Tax Recapture:  
AGRICULTURAL TRANSFER TAX



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# BUTLERS ORCHARD (14/47)



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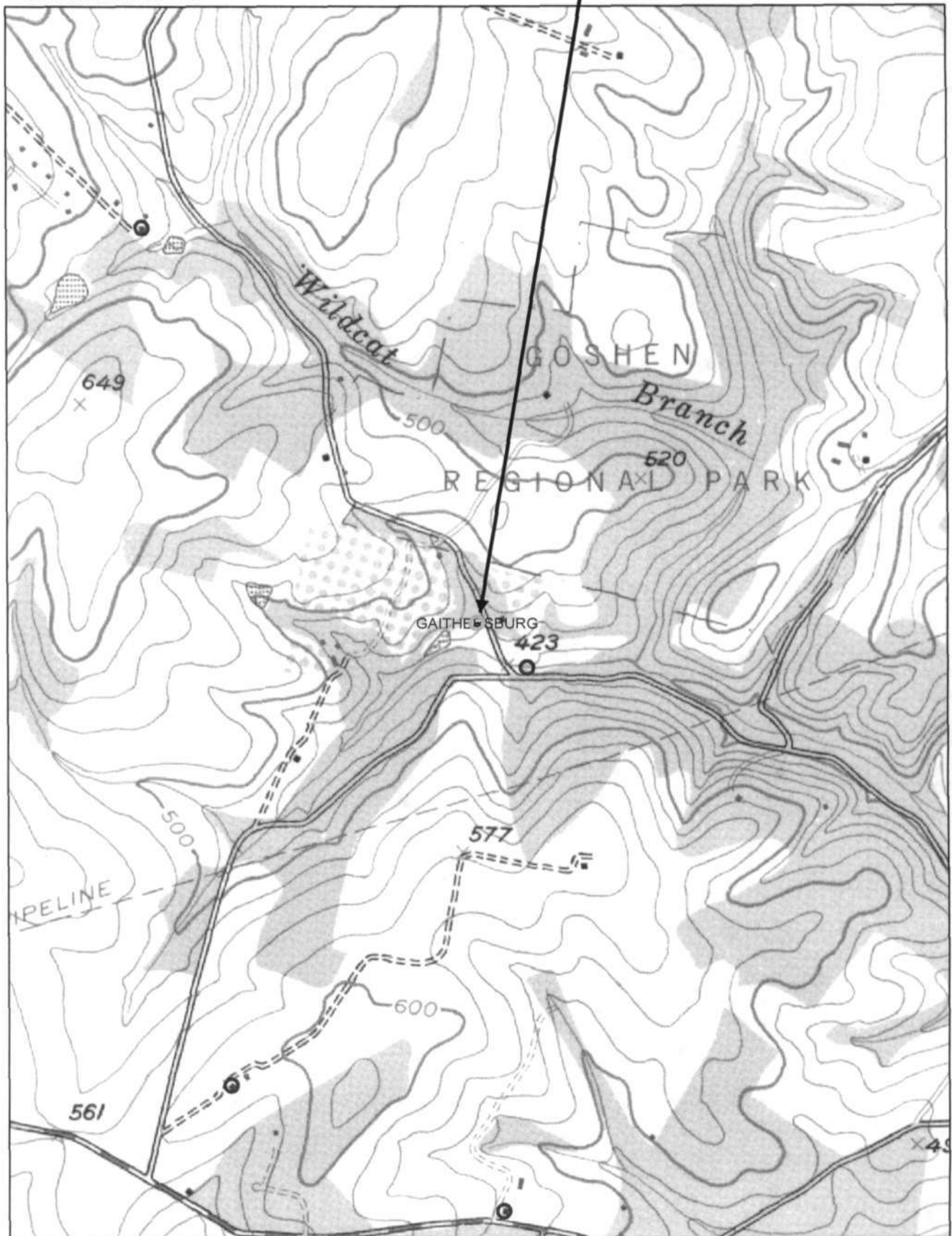
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NOTE TO FILE

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Formerly Clare Lise Cavicchi  
301-563-3402

5-2009

MO: 14 - 47  
Butler's Orchard Log House  
22222 Davis Mill Road  
Germantown, Montgomery County  
Germantown Quad





M:14-47 BUTLERS

22200 DAVIS MILL

EAST FACADE

005 000100N00N N00L- 0 5010

CLARE CAVICCHI

9-2002



1447 BUTLERS

22200 DAVIS MILL

APT 500 100YONH NUN 9 5918  
SOUTH FACADE (LEFT)

CLARE CAVICCHI

9-2002





M:14-47 BUTLERS LOG HOUSE

22200 DAVIS MILL

NE CORNER

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CLARE CAVICCHI

9-2002



M: 14-47 BUTLERS LOG HOUSE

22200 DAVIS MILL

NE CORNER, DETAIL

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CLARE CAVICCHI

9-2002



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22200 DAVIS MILL

SW CORNER REAR WING

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CLARE CAVICCHI

9/2002

## ACHS SUMMARY FORM

M:14-47  
(date entered 5-13-80)

1. Name: Butler's Orchard Log House

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 14/47

3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 7  
I-84. Address: <sup>22222</sup>  
~~22200~~ Davis Mill Road, Germantown

## 5. Classification Summary

Category	<u>building</u>	Previous Survey Recording	<u>M-NCPPC</u>
Ownership	<u>private</u>	Title and Date:	<u>Inventory of Historical</u>
Public Acquisition	<u>NA</u>		<u>Sites - 1976</u>
Status	<u>occupied</u>		
Accessible		Federal	<u>State X County X Local</u>
Present use	<u>agriculture/private</u>	residence	

6. Date: possibly 1801

7. Original Owner:

## 8. Apparent Condition

a. excellent b. altered c. original site

9. Description: The house faces east. The north 2 bays of this 4 bay log house are the original house on the site. Built on fieldstone foundations, it has V-notched log walls, chinked and filled with cement, an exterior chimney with a massive fieldstone base and brick stack, and a gable roof covered with metal. The interior has exposed log and pine paneled walls and second floor joists; there are still traces of whitewash. There are simple door frames and wooden paneled doors.

The south 2 bays were a log tobacco barn on a nearby farm, moved to this site in 1960. On the west elevation is a 2-story clapboarded addition built about 1953.

10. Significance: The significance of this house is its early date and the method of construction typical of middleclass landowners of the era.

In 1801, Edward Magruder, miller, deeded 300 acres to his son, John, reserving to himself the use of the saw mill on the property and noting a building. In 1894, the sale of the property to Richard Case, included a "comfortable 2-story, 3-room log dwelling house, a blacksmith's shop," and other buildings. The acreage was reduced to 79 acres in 1865. In 1943, the same acreage transferred to Percy Norris, an agriculturist, and in 1950 the house and 36.56 acres were deeded to the present owner.

11. Researcher and date researched: Barbara Knapp - 5/79

Candy Reed  
Arch. Description

12. Compiler: Peg Coleman

13. Date Compiled: 6/79

14. Designation  
Approval

15. Acreage: 36.56 acres

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

M: 14/47

MAGI:

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Butler's Orchard Log House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

22222

22200 Davis Mill Road

CITY, TOWN

Germantown

☒ VICINITY OF

Cedar Grove

8

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

George H., Jr. &amp; Shirley B. Butler

Telephone #: 428-0444

STREET &amp; NUMBER

22200 Davis Mill Road

CITY, TOWN

Germantown

☒ VICINITY OF

Cedar Grove

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20767

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 2678

Folio #: 307

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20850

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20855

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This four bay log house faces east on Davis Mill Road. The north two bays are original to the log house built on this site; the south two bays were added in 1960 when a log tobacco barn from one of the Watkins' farms was moved to this site. On the west elevation there is a two story clapboarded addition added about 1953.

Built on fieldstone foundations, the V-notched log walls of the north section are chinked and filled with cement while the south section has V-notched log veneer exterior walls. A simple stone step leads to the east glass and wooden paneled door. A shed roof supported by chamfered posts shields the west glass and wooden paneled door.

There are six-over-six double-hung windows throughout the log sections of the house. The west elevation of the (south) attached tobacco barn has a multi-paned picture window. There are three six-over-six double-hung shed dormer windows. There are three exterior chimneys; two brick chimneys on the west and south. The north exterior chimney has a massive fieldstone base and brick stack.

The two log sections have gable roofs: the north section has a corrugated metal covering and the south section has asbestos shingles. The west addition has a shed roof covered by asbestos shingles.

The east door opens into a single large room. This was the original log house and it is now used as a family room. West of this room is the kitchen. To the south, in the addition is a dining room and east of that room is a living room. An open string double run stairway ascends to a landing where two steps lead to the north and two steps lead to the south. The random width floor and brick fireplace and hearth were installed in the 1940s. The family room has exposed log and pine paneled walls and exposed second floor joists. The west interior log wall and the floor joists still have traces of whitewash. There are simple door frames and wooden paneled doors.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY



PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Butler Log House may have been built by 1801 when a deed transferring the property mentions buildings and improvements.<sup>1</sup>

Edward Magruder bought 729 acres of land in 1799 for 912 pounds.<sup>2</sup> Magruder built a mill, house and outbuildings, and deeded 300 acres to his son John Magruder in 1801 with the buildings and improvements, reserving for himself use of the saw mill on the property.<sup>3</sup>

In 1814, the property was again transferred with mention of buildings and the saw mill. Lifetime rights to the latter were retained by Edward Magruder. At this time the property amounted to 309½ acres.<sup>4</sup> (The saw mill site seems to have disappeared over the years. However, Parker Coole, lifetime area resident, states that his father worked at the saw mill.)

In 1865, a trustee's sale of the property listed the improvements: a good dwelling house, corn house, and mill seat.<sup>5</sup> At this time the acreage was divided into two lots. The "dower's lot" of widow Mary Miller included some of the improvements and 79 acres.<sup>6</sup> This property was not sold again until 1894 when a second trustee's sale was held and the plot deeded to Richard Case.<sup>7</sup> Buildings at that time included a "comfortable two-story, three room log dwelling house, a blacksmith's shop," and others.<sup>8</sup> Case's sons, John and James, were deeded the property.<sup>9</sup>

The place was sold to Robert M. Settle in 1936,<sup>10</sup> who sold it to Irvin and Viola Curtis the same day.<sup>11</sup> Slightly over four acres were reserved for the lifetime use of John Case, the surviving Case brother.

Percy K. and Hazel A. Norris bought the 79 acres in 1943.<sup>12</sup> Mr. Norris worked for the Department of Agriculture. He was interested in orchards and plant experimentation, and planted a peach orchard which the present owner cherishes.

In 1950, the log house and 36.56 acres were deeded to George H. Butler, Jr., the present owner. Butler removed a lean-to built by a previous owner and added a two-story kitchen wing.<sup>13</sup> In 1960, he built on a front wing made of logs from an old tobacco barn on a neighboring farm.<sup>14</sup> In 1968, a third floor bedroom was created by adding a dormer window.<sup>15</sup>

(Continued on Attachment Sheet A)

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Court, Equity and Land Records of Montgomery County, Md.  
Parker Poole, Germantown, Maryland; Interview, 1978-1979.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 36.56 acres

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

(See Attachment Sheet B - Map)

**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Barbara Knapp

Candy Reed  
Architectural Description

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

May 1979

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

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Attachment Sheet A

Butler built a spring house with logs from a meat house on a nearby farm.(16)

At the present time Butler operates a Pick-It-Yourself business, "Butler"s Orchard." Interested parties may purchase and pick strawberries, green beans, peaches and other fruits in season.

Footnotes:

1. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., I/418,(1801).
2. H/477, 1799.
3. I/418.
4. R/151, 1814.
5. Court Records, JGH 3/546, 1865.
6. Equity Records, JA 14/50, 1894.
7. Land Records; JA 58/61, 1896.
8. JA 14/50, 1894.
9. 2678/305, 1959.
10. 642/261, 1936.
11. 642/262, 1936.
12. 921/88, 1943.
13. Parker Poole, 22400 Davis Mill Road, Germantown; interview. Poole built both of these additions.
14. Ibid.
15. Ibid.
16. Ibid.

## Butler's Orchard Log House, 14/47 and Allin Log House, 14/46

Liber/Folio	Date Made	Recorded	Grantee	Grantor	Comments
4011/259	22 Oct. 1970	23 Oct. 1970	Evelyn H. Allin	John O. Allin and Evelyn H. Allin	8.75 acres more or less, same as described in 3816/889
3816/889	12 Dec. 1968	12 Dec. 1968	John O. & Evelyn H. Allin	Thelma A. Allin	8.75 acres, as surveyed by R.K. Maddox, Dec. 6, 1968.
3573/488	10 Nov. 1966	25 Nov. 1966	Thelma A. Allin	Justine A. Straus & Loretta L. Shackelford	42.44 acres more or less,
3573/485	10 Nov. 1966	25 Nov. 1966	Justine A. Straus & Loretta L. Shackelford	Bushrod W. Allin & Thelma A. Allin	same as described in 1115/320
2678/307	20 Nov. 1959	27 Nov. 1959	George H. Butler Jr. & Shirley B. Butler	Elizabeth P. Chichester	36.56 acres more or less, same as described in 1394/523
2678/305	20 Nov. 1959	27 Nov. 1959	Elizabeth P. Chichester	George H. Butler Jr. & Shirley B. Butler	36.56 acres more or less, same as described in 1394/523
1394/523	17 June 1950	21 June 1950	George H. Butler Jr.	Leo E. Berkey & Emeline B. Berkey	36.56 acres more or less, same as described in 1104/290
1104/290	8 Oct. 1947	9 Oct. 1947	Leo E. Berkey & Emeline B. Berkey	Percy K. Norris & Hazel A. Norris	36.56 acres; surveyed by R.K. Maddox, Aug. 19, 1947
1115/320	23 Sept. 1947	13 Nov. 1947	Bushrod W. Allin & Thelma A. Allin	Percy K. Norris & Hazel A. Norris	42.44 acres more or less
921/88	23 Sept. 1943	24 Sept. 1943	Percy K. Norris & Hazel A. Norris	Irvin W. Curtis & Viola M. Curtis	79 acres more or less; 4.24 acres subject to life estate in J. Case.
652/398	12 Jan. 1937	12 Jan. 1937	Irvin W. Curtis & Viola M. Curtis	Robert M. Settle & Birdie M. Settle	Conveys Settles' right of remainder in the 4.24 acres.
642/263	25 Sept. 1936	25 Sept. 1936	John W. Case	Robert M. Settle & Birdie M. Settle	4.24 acres same as previously described, for lifetime use
642/262	25 Sept. 1936	25 Sept. 1936	Irvin W. Curtis & Viola M. Curtis	Robert M. Settle & Birdie M. Settle	79 acres more or less, with 4.24 acres for John W. Case to have for lifetime use.
642/261	14 Aug. 1936	25 Sept. 1936	Robert M. Settle	John W. Case	all of the 79 acres conveyed in 248/440
642/260	10 Aug. 1936	25 Sept. 1936	John W. Case	Jennie Harding & Nicholas Harding; Mollie Hawkins & Sidney Hawkins	deeded their interest, as heirs of James R. Case, deceased, in the 79 acres.
248/440	19 Mar. 1915	24 Mar. 1915	John W. Case & James R. Case	Richard Case	79 acres more or less, same as J.A.58/61
J.A.58/61	17 Dec. 1896		Richard Case	Frank Higgins & Alexander Kilgour, Trustees	79 acres more or less, Dower Lot or Lot No.2; sold at auction on 4 June 1894, Equity Records JA 14/50
Equity Case record J.G.H. No.3 folio 546..... Trustees sale of property of Jacob Miller, deceased... July 1, 1865 Lot No.1, containing 238 acres more or less, was sold to Benjamin Franklin Harris; Lot no.2, subject to the dower right of Mary Miller, remained unsold because the trustees deemed "the amount bid therefor wholly inadequate to the value of said land"					
B.S.10/128	3 Apr. 1840		Jacob Miller	William Ford & Aspenath Ford	309½ acres more or less
R/151	4 Apr. 1814		William Ford	John Magruder	309½ acres more or less
I/418	18 Apr. 1801	22 May 1801	John Magruder	Edward Magruder	300 acres of land, together with buildings, improvements...
H/477	13 Apr. 1799	29 Apr. 1799	Edward Magruder	William H. Dorsey	729 acres of land more or less.. no mention of any buildings or improvements

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NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: Butler's Orchard				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: 22222 Davis Mill Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Cedar Grove				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Montgomery		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public    Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: G. H. Butler				
STREET AND NUMBER: 22222 Davis Mill Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Cedar Grove		STATE: Maryland		
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Montgomery County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY: None				
DATE OF SURVEY:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a two-story, log building with a two-bay, main (east) facade. There is a large stone external chimney with a free-standing brick stack on the north end.

To the south, a two-bay, log addition has been made. To the west, a clapboarded kitchen wing has been added.

Behind the house is a log springhouse with a projecting gable.

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## B. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |   |                                       |   |  |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education    | <input type="checkbox"/> Political      | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering  | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry     | losophy                                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention    | <input type="checkbox"/> Science        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature   | itarian                                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military     | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   | <input type="checkbox"/> Music        | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____                                    |

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian	
ORGANIZATION M-NCPPC	DATE 22 Mar 74
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE Maryland

## 12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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- Paved road
- - - Unpaved road
- ~ ~ ~ Streams

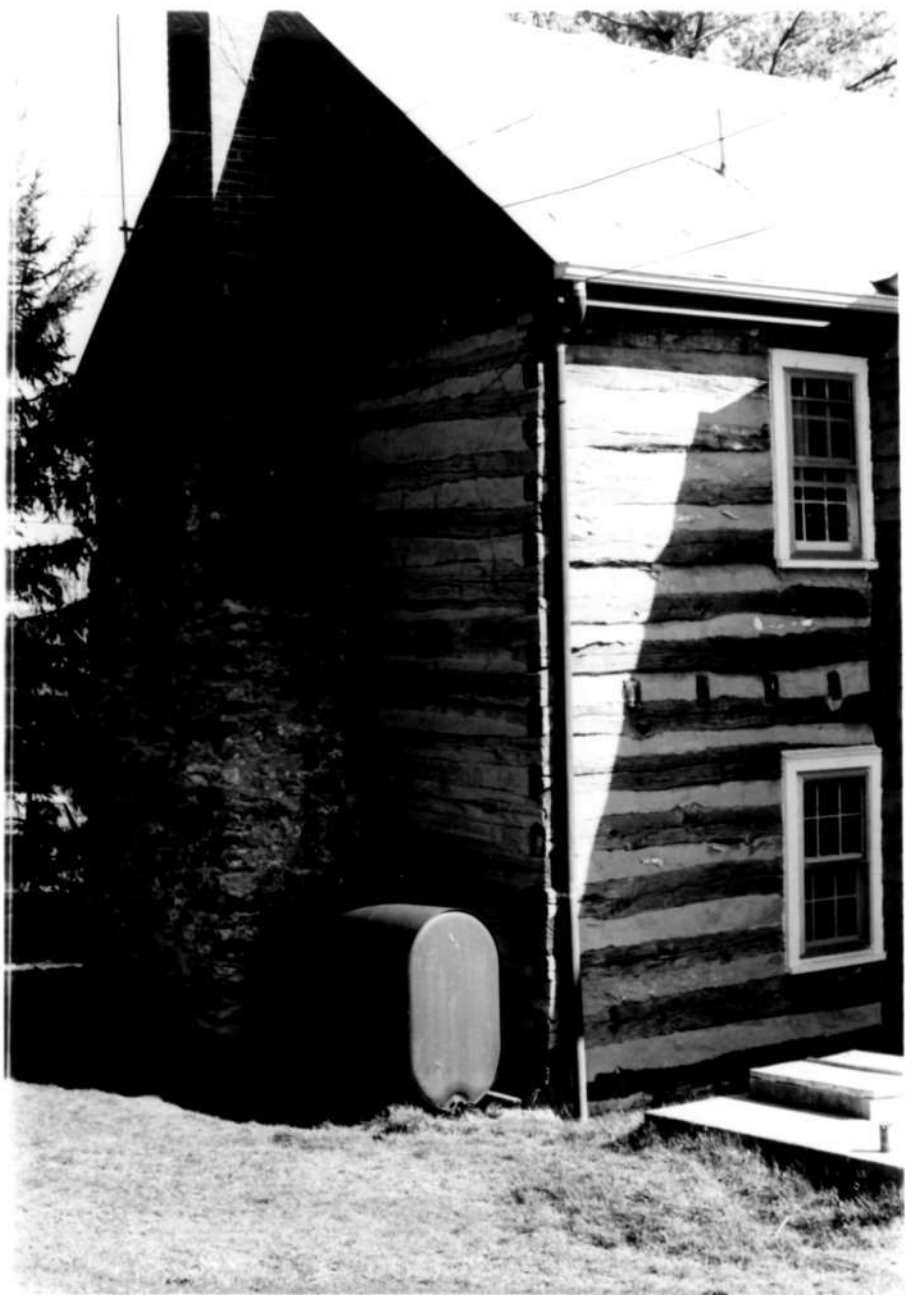
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1 mile = approx. 2.6 inches



Butler's Orchard Log House  
February 28, 1979  
(Barbara Knapp, Photographer)  
Original part of house to the right.



Butler's Orchard Log House  
February 28, 1979  
(Barbara Knapp, Photographer)  
Facade: Northeast. Original part of  
house is on the right.



NAME #M14-47 BUTLER'S ORCHARD LOG HOUSE  
LOCATION DAVIS MILL & WILDCAT Rds. GOSHEN, Md.  
FACADE NW  
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